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Dear Jim,

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I enclose a copy of a preliminary examination report which is due for response by 16 June 1993.

There are a number of formal requirements to be met before full examination takes place. Firstly, we have to provide details of prior art cited on the corresponding US and European cases. I have all these details in my file and I can look after this requirement.

Secondly, we are required to remove three references to pending US patent applications. This is no problem and I will replace the references with references to the corresponding Canadian applications. Finally, we are required to remove the incorporation of these references into the specification. We may amend the applications at a later stage to include any material from the earlier applications incorporated by reference. I require guidance as to whether any such amendment is necessary. And, if so, what portions of the earlier documents should be included. We do not need to take a decision on amendment at this stage and it would seem appropriate to file any amendments when replying to the first substantive

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examination report. At this stage, all I require is your instruction to proceed with the filing of a response and I look forward to hearing from you in good time before the deadline of 16 June 1993.

Yours sincerely

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